

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry into the U.S. National Phase of the International Patent Application in light of the International Search Report performed by Examiner Larry Schwartz.

In the International Search Report, Examiner Schwartz found that claims 20-24 meet the requirements of novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability as set forth in PCT Article 33(2)-(4). Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 1-19 and claims 25-44 and pursues the inventions of claims 20-24 herein. Furthermore, Applicant has included the limitations of claims 21 and 24 in independent claim 20 and, therefore, Applicant also has canceled claims 21 and 24. Finally, Applicant has drafted additional dependent claims 45-48, all of which depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 20.

Applicant hereby states that the amendments herein to the specification include no new matter.

In view of the opinion regarding novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability set forth by Examiner Schwartz in the International Search Report, Applicant submits that claims 20, 22, 23, and 45-48 presented after amendment herein stand in condition for allowance.

In order to facilitate prosecution of the present application, Applicant also submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate any possible provisional double patenting rejection that may be made over parent application serial no. 10/665,169, from which this and many other applications claim priority.

Additionally, in order to facilitate prosecution of the present application, Applicant submits herewith a Rule 131 Declaration swearing behind Kellenberger et al. U.S. Patent Appl. No. 2004/0167489 A1 ("*Kellenberger*").

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned if any further action is deemed necessary by the Examiner in order to facilitate prosecution of the present application, and if such further action may be accomplished through an Examiner's amendment or otherwise.

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